GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF CEMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of installed production capacity and actual production of cement in the country ;

(b) whether India's position in all over the World is quite low in the matter of production and consumption of cement;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the production and consumption of cement in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) : The installed production capacity and production of cement in the country in 2005-06 were 171.34 million MT and 147.81 million MT respectively.

(b)&(c) : No, Sir. India ranks second in the world in terms of installed production capacity of cement and consumes almost all the cement produced in the country.

(d) : The demand for cement is expected to increase by 11.5% annually during the 11th Five year plan requiring a capacity addition of 118 million metric tonnes. Under the liberalised economic environment, manufacturing of cement is free from industrial licensing and the Government is encouraging capacity addition in the private sector by providing a conducive environment.